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CITIZENS ATTACK OFFICERS

75 Reservations For Banquet Here; Dr. Cline to Speak

Centenary College Professor to Address City-Wide Meet at 8 p. m.

ANNOUNCE PROGRAM

Kiwanis Sponsoring Event With All Clubs Co-Operating

Close to 75 reservations have been made for the community banquet and inspiration meeting to be held at 8 o'clock Tuesday night in Hotel Barlow—the first local meeting of its kind to be held this year.

Dr. Pierce Cline, professor of history in Centenary college, Shreveport, will be the speaker, delivering an inspirational address similar to those which have made him famous in radio broadcasts from Shreveport during recent years.

Dr. Cline will speak to a cross-section of the business and professional life of Hope, Tuesday night's meeting being sponsored by the Kiwanis club, with the other clubs and civic organizations co-operating. The meeting will replace every usual luncheon scheduled for the week.

Co-operating with the Kiwanians are the Rotary and Business & Professional Women's clubs, the Chamber of Commerce an the Retail Merchants association.

The Program

The presiding officer at the banquet will be R. V. Herndon, Kiwanis president, and the following program is to be offered:

Community singing—first verse of America.

Invocation—by the Rev. W. A. Bowen.

Pep songs—led by Talbot Feild.

Introduction of guests.

Welcoming address—by Mr. Herndon.

Response—by Miss Mary Arnold, president of the Business & Professional Women's club; and George W. Ware, president of the Rotary club.

Acrobatic dance—by little Miss Joy Ramsey.

Trombone solo—by Hilburn Graves.

Address—Dr. Pierce Cline.

Funeral For Hope Man Held Sunday

William Weisiger Dies at Home of Daughter on Second Street

William Weisiger, aged 78, a resident of Hope for the past 15 or 20 years, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. David Davis ,on East Second street, Saturday afternoon at 6 o'clock, following an illness o fseveral weeks duration.

Mr. Weisiger was born in Danville, Kentucky and later moved to Hendersonville, Tenn., from which place he came to Hempstead county, Arkansas.

He is survived by his widow, three daughters and one son. Mrs. David Davis of Hope, Mrs. J. R. York of Texarkana, Miss Florence Weisiger of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Edward B. Weisiger of Hendersonville, Tenn.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the home, conducted by Rev. W. R. Anderson, pastor of First Presbyterian church, followed by interment in Rose Hill cemetery.

Pall bearers were: Dorsey McRae, J. T. Barr, George Robison, Dr. P. B. Carrigan, C. F. Renfro and S. G. Norton.

Negro Confesses to Killing Farmer

Arkansas Officials Take Precautions to Foil Mob Violence

WARREN—(AP)—Jim Lawson, negro, for whom officers have been searching since the slaying last Monday of Jack Martin, a planter, near Jersey, walked into Sheriff J. C. Lee's office and surrendered Sunday night.

The negro confessed the slaying, the sheriff said.

Because of the intense feeling against Lawson, he was taken to the county jail at El Dorado, Monday for safekeeping.

The negro said he had been hiding at and near a camp at Crossett since the shooting. His wife, Nora, is in jail here as an accessory.

Lawson was a tenant on Martin's farm, the day before the shooting, the two quarreled when Martin ordered the negro to do some work, officers said.

Martin was shot as he passed Lawson's house. Three shots were fired at him.

Outboard Queen



Those international outboard races at Lake Garda, Italy, should be pretty to watch. For one of the competitors will be fair Loretta Turnbull, California's 18-year-old winner of the Pacific coast inter-collegiate outboard motorboat championship. She's pictured here in New York, en route to Europe.

Nashville Theater Will Be Reopened

Franklin Horton Says Business Is Reviving in That District

Franklin Horton was in Hope on business Monday, and announced that he planned to reopen his Liberty theater at Nashville next week after having been suspended since December 4.

Mr. Horton said business throughout the Nashville district was on the upgrade, and that the business slump which persuaded him to close the theater was fairly well passed. The Liberty is Nashville's only theater. Manager Horton, a native of Hope, used to operate the Grand theater here as well as the Liberty in Nashville, but disposed of the Hope house to Malco Theaters, Inc., who operate the Saenger.

New York Backers Sued By Oil Man

Alleges They Failed to Carry Out Contract to Develop Field

TEXARKANA—Charles V. Lenz of Texarkana filed suit in the Arkansas side federal court against Harold Talbott and Russell McGee of New York to compel them to furnish sufficient money for complete development of oil interests in Miller county 16 miles east of here.

Plaintiffs allege that after striking oil in the Lenz Well No. 1 last summer they transferred a one-half interest in their leases, holdings, etc., to the defendants, the consideration being that the latter would supply whatever money was needed for fully developing the field. It is alleged the defendants have failed to put up the funds as agreed and the suit asks that they be compelled to comply with their contract or else cancel the one-half interest conveyed to them by the plaintiffs.

For several months there has been no activity in the Lenz field and the people here did not know what was the matter. The complaint expresses utmost confidence that the field is a rich one and asserts a belief that it is easily worth $10,000,000. Charles V. Lenz has put down nine test wells on the leases within the last five years. He has had wide experience as a driller in the El Dorado field, and elsewhere.

Alaskan Mineral Survey to Continue This Summer

WASHINGTON.-(U.P.)—Efforts to determine the mineral value of Alaska will be continued this summer by the Department of Interior with the aid of $250.000 appropriated by the recent Congress for this investigation.

The main field of effort will be at the Anthracite Ridge coal field near the Alaska Railroad, but other investigations will be made in the Willow Creek, Fairbanks, Copper Mountain, Girdwood, Kantishna and Mosse Pass districts.

It has been pointed out by the Department of Interior that as the purpose of the survey is to reveal the economic importance of Alaska's natural resources, the results will be published as rapidly as is possible.

British Air Ace Is Believed Accident Victim on Tuesday

Licutenant Glen Kidson Is Reported Dead By Storekeeper

AIRPLANE CRASHES

Holder of Schneider Cup Also Injured in England

VAN REENAN, Natal, South America.—(AP)—Two men, one of them believed to be crack British flier Lieutenant Commander Glen Kidson, were killed Tuesday when their airplane crashed near here in a storm.

A storekeeper at Mauba, about 16 miles from here, rode in to report the accident to the magistrate.

The crash occurred in the rough mountainous country while the wind was blowing a gale, raising clouds of dust which made visibility extremely hazardous.

Air Man Injured

FARNBOROUGH, Eng.—(AP)—Flight Lieutenant H. R. Waghorn, who retained the Schneider cup for Great Britain in 1929, crashed in a plane near here Tuesday and was seriously injured.

Albert Fall May Abandon Appeal

Former Cabinet Member Is Facing a Jail Sentence

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Albert B. Fall may go to prison soon if he adheres to his announced intention of not appealing to the Supreme Court from his conviction on a charge of taking a bribe.

Fall, a former secretary of the interior, Monday telegraphed his attorneys here that he was "writing fully." His lawyers took the brief message to mean that his letter would explain his reasons for not carrying the case further. He announced at his home in New Mexico he would not appeal.

If Fall's attorneys withdraw their motion for a stay of the sentence and the appeal to the Supreme Court, the execution of the sentence is expected to follow immediately. Fall was fined $100,000 and sentenced to a year in jail on a charge of taking a bribe from Edward Doheny, oil operator.

The former cabinet officer may escape prison, either through a presidential pardon or through suspension of the sentence.

Spring Football Practice Begins

Coach Wilkin Meets All Prospective Material Monday Afternoon

Thirty-eight Hope High school athletes under the direction of Coach Chas. Wilkin began spring football practice Monday afternoon at Fair Park.

Spring football practice is a new thing for Hope, and for Hope schools. Nearly all of the larger colleges have spring training for the purpose of drilling the players in the fundamentals of the game.

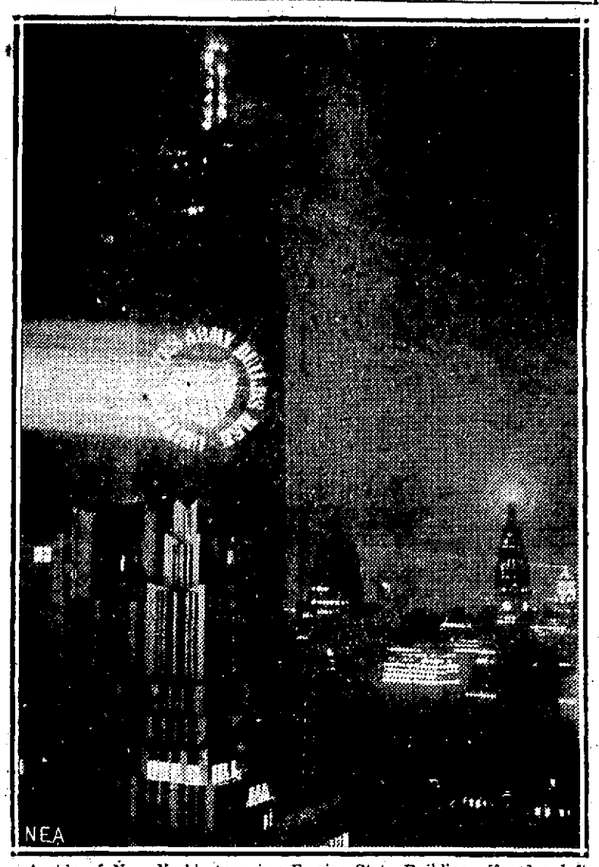
Coach Wilkin has a fine bunch of husky athletes who are ready to go and he hopes to have one of the best teams that have ever played for Hope High School. Led by Captain Ivison Pritchett and other veterans such as, Matt Reaves, "Son" Jones, Hugh Chamberlan, Edward Schooley, "Bull" Hargis, Neil Bacon, Bert Mauldin, and many other men from last year's team the Bobcats began hard drilling in passing, punting, blocking and tackling as well as many other of the finer points of the game. The squad will be divided into two teams the last week of practice and an exhibition game will be played to which the general public will be invited. This game will have no admission charge. The game will be played Friday, May 15, as the squad will only have two weeks of training.

This years squad promises to be the strongest in the history of lodal High school teams for the team of last year loses only two letter men, Bill Wray and Lynn Harrel, who will graduate this Spring. Fans will see many of last years men in new position for Coach Wilkin is grooming several linemen for backfield positions and promises some surprises.

Bandits Superstitious

URBANA, Ill.—(U.P.)—Even bandits are superstitious it was revealed here recently when burglars entered a confectionery and rifled a cash register taking $20 but leaving a $2 bill.

U. S. Army Gives the High Sign



A side of New York's towering Empire State Building affored a lofty screen for the lighted United States Army recruiting sign seen in this striking night photo. The illuminated words and shield were projected from another skyscraper. Note, at the peak of the building, the lighted dirigible mooring mast which is visible for scores of miles in all directions.

Merchant and Wife Are Found Beaten to Death

Bodies of Aged Pair Found by Yard Boy Early Tuesday Morning. Attempt to Bury Couple Had Been Made Officers Report. Robbery Not Thought Motive

WATER VALLEY, Miss.—(AP)—W. B. Wagner, 64-year-old merchant and his wife were beaten to death in their home here Monday night and an attempt was made to hide the bodies in a nearby efild.

Wagner's body was found in a makeshift grave in a agrden plot and that of his wife in a ditch a short distance away.

The bodies were discovered by a negro houseboy when he came to work early Tuesday morning.

Valuables and robbery of the couple are not considered as the motive for the crime, said the puzzled investigators.

The killings were preceded by a terrific struggle from the appearance of the house police said.

Salesman Is Held For Death of Child

Man Arrested on Road After Fire Destroys His Home

GREELEY, Col.—(AP)—James V. Foster, 48, a salesman was arrested on a highway near here Tuesday, three hours after fire in his home had burned to death his infant daughter, seriously burned is wife and another child.

The man's wife, Myrtle, told authorities he poured kerosene on her bed and the children's

Foster denied starting the fire.

Texas Farmers Plant Large Alfalfa Acreage

CHILDRESS, Tex.—(AP)—Farmers of Childress county, in the Red river valley, have planted alfalfa in more than 2,000 acres this year, it was estimated by V. E. Hafner, county agent.

The first crop will be ready for harvest within a month or si xweeks and a big yield is expected. Hafner said alfalfa would replace many concentrated foods used in dairying, and the growth of alfalfa and dairying are being encourged as joint enterprises.

Here for Week's Duration Here for Weeks Duration

A revival meeting is in progress at the Bebee Memorial C. M. E. church on North Hazel street. The meeting is in charge of Rev. G. W. Young, the pastor, who is assisted by Rev. Cora Hutson, a woman evangelist of St. Louis, Mo., who is widely known among colored people.

The meeting will continue through Sunday and Rev. Young announces that he has made special arrangements to provide for th comfort of white people who care to attend these services and extends to them a cordial invitation.

Earth Tremor Felt Near Birmingham

Windows and Dishes Are Reported Shaken Over Large Area

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.-(AP)—An earth tremor which aroused sleeping residents and rattled dishes and windows was felt throughout a radius of 75 miles of here early Tuesday.

The disturbance was reported at from 10 seconds to a minute duration.

American Legion Gives Homeless Member House

TURNERS FALLS, Mass.-(U.P.)—The home of Paul Kelpacki of Montague Center, World War Veteran, was destroyed by fire recently with virtually all its furnishings, leaving him and his large family in a bad way. There was no insurance.

Thanks to the local American Legion post, of which he is a member, Kelpacki is to have a new home, and it will not cost hi nra penny. Legionnaires are building the house, which also will be fitted with furniture by the post.

Vet Who Gave Blood to Aid Others Succumbs

PHILADELPHIA.-(U.P.)-Howard M. Kennedy, 47, World war hero and president of the Free Blood Donors' Association of America, died at his home Monday.

From records kept by friends it was estimated that in the last 18 years Kennedy had given more blood in transfusions to more persons than any other known man. And he gave it free.

His generosity, physicians said, took its toll as he sat in his home.

On the battlefields of France, Kennedy conducted himself in such fashion that he was awarded a distinguished service cross.

J. W. Corley Held Up on So. Main by Pair of Hijackers

Two Masked Men Accost Him in Heavily Wooded Stretch

FRIGHTENED BY CAR

Robbers Find Nothing on Victim—Attack at 9:30 p. m.

J. W. Corley, who lives near the Dr. J. H. Weaver home on South Main street, was the victim of two hijackers Monday night about 9:30 as he was returning to his home from town.

Between 13th and 14th streets, on Main, which is a block in which there is but one house, and several large trees that makes the street rather dark, two men wearing masks stepped in front of Mr. Corley and demanded that he "stick-em up," adding reality to their command by shoving a gun in his ribs.

Luckily for Mr. Corley, he had left both his watch and purse at home before coming to town and the would-be robbers got nothing from him, although he was frightened by the ordeal.

At the approach of an automobile one of the men said, "Let's go, there's a car." With this they left Mr. Corley. He said he heard them start a car on 13th street but was too far away to obtain their license number. Both men appeared to be young from the sound of their voices, Mr. Corley said.

It is thought that the men had watched Mr. Corley walking down the street and parked their car in the dark to lay in wait for him.

Mr. Corley is well known in Hope, Emmet and DeAnn, having taught school at the last named place last year.

Lower Campaign Expenses Favored

Two Professors Advocate Limiting Candidates to 4 Cents Per Voter

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Limitation of expenditures by congressional condidates to four cents per voter was advocated Monday before the Senate Campaign Funds Investigating Committee by two university professors of political science.

Prof. James K. Pollock of the University of Michigan, submitted an entire corrupt practices act, including this provision for limitation of campaign funds. Professor Earl R. Sikes of Dartmouth College endorsed the four cents limitation.

Prof. Louise Overacker of Wellesley College was skeptical of the practicability of fixing definite amounts for campaign funds, but she agreed that Congress should fix definite responsibility upon the candidate or his agent for all money collected or spent in his behalf.

Opening its search for recommendations for making more effective the federal corrupt practices act, the Senate Committee headed by Senator Nye, Republican, North Dakota, questioned the profesors closely.

Pollock suggested a maximum amoun of $5,000 for the candidates, but Sikes would put no maximum on the four cent provision which would allow a senatorial candidate in New York an expenditure of about $160,000.

The three witnesses believed that Congress has authority to regulate the primary elections and they looked favorably on the proposal of Senator Cutting, Republican, New Mexico, for establishment of an elections commission.

Man Jailed After Five Year's Freedom on Bond

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.—(U.P.)—Jas. L. Dye sits in a cell at the Missouri penitentiary and wonders just why official red tape had to be broken when it looked sufficiently tangled up.

Dye was sentenced in St. Louis for robbery, on December 10, 1925. He was let out on bond while the supreme court studied his appeal. The sentence was affirmed, but court attaches forgot to notify St. Louis officials. But after more than five years, when Dye had decided that he had been forgotten, and was not a bit worried about the fact, a curious St. Louis official noticed the unfinished record, made on investigation, and caused Dye's arrest.

Now the St. Louis authorities are checking old records to see how many more of the town's citizens should be with Dye but have been kept out of prison by similar cases of official forgetfulness.

Sold!



Shoppers in Vienna can expect to meet a beautiful counter attack from Mlle. Betty Ross, above. She was awarded first prize as Austria's premier saleswoman at a recent business exhibition. From a commission of 2 1-2 per cent on sales, her annual income is more than $5000.

Local Kiwanians Visit Texakana

Little Joy Ramsey Scores Hit at Inter-City Club Meeting

Little Miss Joy Ramsey of Hope made a distinct hit at the All-Kiwanis night meeting of the Texarkana and Hope clubs, which was held at the McCartney hotel in Texarkana Monday night. The Kiwanis clubs of the United States and Canada met Monday night at the same hour. Ray Crossman, International Kiwanis President was to deliver his annual address to the Kiwanis convention which opened in Miami, Fla., Monday night.

About nineteen members of the Hope Kiwanis Club and their guests attended the Texarkana dinner. Among the visitors were: Mrs. John P. Cox, Mrs. Dewey Hendrix, Mrs. A. J. Neighbors, wives of members; Mrs. Nell Bush McPheeters and her pupil, Miss Joy Ramsey; Miss Harriet Story, who accompanied her; and E. G. Coop and Pat Simpson, prospective members of the local club.

Congressman Wright Patman, of Texas delivered the principal speech of the evening. He told how the recent loan act, permitting veterans to morrow up to 50 per cent on their adjusted service certificates, was a small obligation on the part of the government, in comparison with the billions paid to railroads and construction firms in adjusted profits for wartimt service and building.

An athletic waltz, rendered by Miss Ramsey, was tremendously cheered at each conclusion of a difficult feat. R. V. Herndon, "Smiles" Strassner and John P. Cox each spoke briefly at the dinner. The Rev. R. O. Brunk, formerly of Hope, delivered the invocation.

Former Arkansan Killed In Wreck

Albert Riggs, Formerly of Imboden, Victim of Accident

IMBODEN—Walter Dunham of Imboden received a message Monday from Deep Wells, Kan., announcing that his son-in-law, Albert Riggs, aged 35, was killed in an automobile accident there and that Mrs. Riggs suffers from a broken arm. Two children in the car with them were not injured.

No details of the accident were reported. The Riggs family formerly lived here, but moved to Deep Wells about a year ago.

Man Kills Himself By Placing Head in Press

DES MOINES, Ia.- (AP)—C. B. Taylor, 40, partner with his father in the W. H. Taylor Pressed Steel Products company, was dead Monday a victim of suicide by placing his head between the jams of a stamp press at the company plant. Notes to his parents and his wife indicated despondency as the reason for the act.

Man, Wife and Son Die as Passenger Hits Car

WINCHESTER, Ky. — (AP) — "The Southland," fast Louisville and Nashville passenger train, struck an automobile at Rankin crossing, two miles south of here Sunday night, killing J. B. Lisle, 55, his wife, Cinda Lisle, 40, and their five-year-old son, J. B. Jr.

Labor Situation Is Blamed for Trouble Authorities Assert

2 Deputies Return From Scene For Help; One Is Injured

SEVERAL ARE KILLED

Twenty-Five Officers Are Dispatched to Quell Outbreak

HARLAN, Ky.—(AP)—A deputy sheriff is known to have been killed and several other officers and several members of a crowd of men, who have not been identified are believed to have been killed Tuesday morning in a clash with the deputies at Evarts about ten miles from here.

Authorities said it was one of the disorders resulting from a labor situation in the Harlan coal fields.

Deputies George Dawn and Estes Cox, the only two of a force of 12 who returned here with the news of the fight, said that Deputy Jim Daniels, 37, was killed.

Aid Dispatched

Sheriff J. H. Blair, sent a force of 25 deputies with machine guns, tear gas and rifles to Evarts and ordered them to use force, if necessary to restore order.

Deputy Cox, who was wounded, gave Blair an account of the shooting, saying, as the deputies were returning to Harlan, a crowd of men hidden behind railroad ties and trees fired on them without warning.

Daniels grabbed a machine gun and leaper from the automobile but before he had time to fire one round was shot and killed.

Cox said at least five deputies and three or four of the attacking group were lying dead when he left the scene of the battle.

Flogging Approved By Mena Citizens

Two Ministers Are Under Indictment For Flogging Man

MENA—(AP)—The "flogging" of Bud Ralls by two ministers as a lesson in sobriety, Monday night had the endorsement of the county sheriff and the prosecuting attorney as "a righteous act."

Despite the fact the Rev. Sid Wise and the Rev. P. R. Larimore of the Apostolic faith, are under indictment for whipping Ralls, Sheriff John E. Joplin and Prosecutor J. M. Jackson said they believed it was "a Christian act." In fact, Sheriff Joplin said if the ministers were fined, he would raise the money to pay the fines.

The flogging, which both ministers admit, took place last month after they had repeatedly warned Ralls to keep away from liquor while the Red Cross was feeding his family last winter.

Neither of the ministers has been arrested. Wise is in New Mexico holding a meeting, having promised to return if he was indicted, while Larimore is at liberty on his own recognizance. Their trials will be held at the October term of court.

The whipping took place on a Sunday morning at the Ralls home where Wise and Larimore went and got Ralls when they learned he was drinking again and abusing his family, Sheriff Joplin said.

"Wise did the whipping with a big switch while Larimore looked on and saw that it was well done," the sheriff said.

Annual Singing Is Announced May 24

Blue Bayou, in Howard County Prepares to Welcome Singers

An annual singing has been announced to take place on the fourth Sunday in May, at Blue Bayou, in Howard county. Singers and those who attend community singings have all heard of Blue Bayou and each year the time of this singing is eagerly looked forward to.

A cordial invitation is extended by the folks in this community to the general public to attend.

Arkansan Shot During Alleged Party Is Dead

EL DORADO—(AP)—Sidney Hardin, 29, who was shot during an alleged liquor party at Norphlet on April 3, died in a hospital here Monday.

Six persons were arrested after the shooting but were released at a preliminary hearing. Officers said the investigation would be reopened.

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The Star's Platform

CITY

Apply the revenues of the municipal power plant to develop the industrial and social resources of Hope.

More city pavement in 1931, and improved sanitary conditions in the alleys and business back-yards.

Support the Chamber of Commerce.

COUNTY

A county highway program providing for the construction of a certain amount of all-weather road each year, to gradually reduce the dirt-road mileage.

Political and economic support for every scientific agricultural program which offers practical benefits to Hempstead county's greatest industry.

Encourage farmer organizations, believing that co-operative effort is as practical in the country as it is in town.

STATE

Continued progress on the state highway program.

Fearless tax reform, and a more efficient government through the budget system of expenditures.

Free Arkansas from the cattle tick.

The Divorce Bill Repealer

THE secretary of state was served with official notice last Saturday that a referendum petition on the 90-day divorce law adopted by the last legislature would be filed at Little Rock on or before June 10.

Friends of the referendum petition claim more than 9,000 signers. Their claim will hardly be disputed. Dr. A. C. Miller, editor of the Arkansas Methodist, and other noted churchmen have vigorously opposed adoption of the short-term divorce act. Unquestionably a majority of the people of Arkansas agree with them.

But there is this to be considered—it costs money to refer an old law or initiate a new one. As in a previous editorial, *The Star* pointed out that it cost the taxpayers of Arkansas $57,000 to vote on the various acts and amendments submitted in the general election last fall. *The Star* got $341 as its share of the legal publication costs. the next election, Hope being a city of the first class, and this being the county's only daily newspaper, *The Star* will get *all* of whatever legal publications costs are involved in the publishing of new proposals for the state in Hempstead county.

This is to serve notice on the public that we don't want the taxpayers' money if it can be avoided.

That was one of the reasons we fought the constitutional amendment proposals last fall, and that will be our only reason for opposing the 90-day divorce bill repealer in the fall of 1932.

There is nothing desirable about divorce, any way the community looks at it. But as a social evil it is regulated by law. The law of Arkansas sets forth six grounds upon which divorce may be granted. The act of 1931 changed none of these. It merely shortened the legal residence from a year to three months.

Where the moral issue arises in this controversy, we are uncertain. The grounds for divorce are unchanged. But by shortening the residential requirement the State of Arkansas is offering to visitors the same law that has governed its own citizens for many years.

However, it is true, as Dr. Miller and his associates contend, that our action in amending the divorce law has put us in active competition with Reno and other notorious centers of divorce. That is something no Arkansawyer relishes—but it is a situation more due to unfortunate newspaper publicity than to any basic change in law.

Our sure remedy for legislative performanes like the passage of the 90-day divorce bill is at the Democratic primary when we elect the next legislature.

The appeal to the referendum is equally certain, but it will cost the taxpayers a barrel of money. Fifty-seven thousand dollars worth of newspaper advertising is plenty. Yet that was the taxpayers' bill by the time all the referendum and initiated measures were put on the ballot last fall—and we are safe in saying that if the 90-day-divorce repealer goes on it in 1932, there will be other proposals, and the taxpayers will have a bill equally large to meet.

As a newspaper that stands to profit by every legal publication, conscience tells us to count the cost.

We are no less indignant than our neighbor, but we do not mean to affect "extra indignation" knowing in advance that we shall be well paid for it.

Speed.

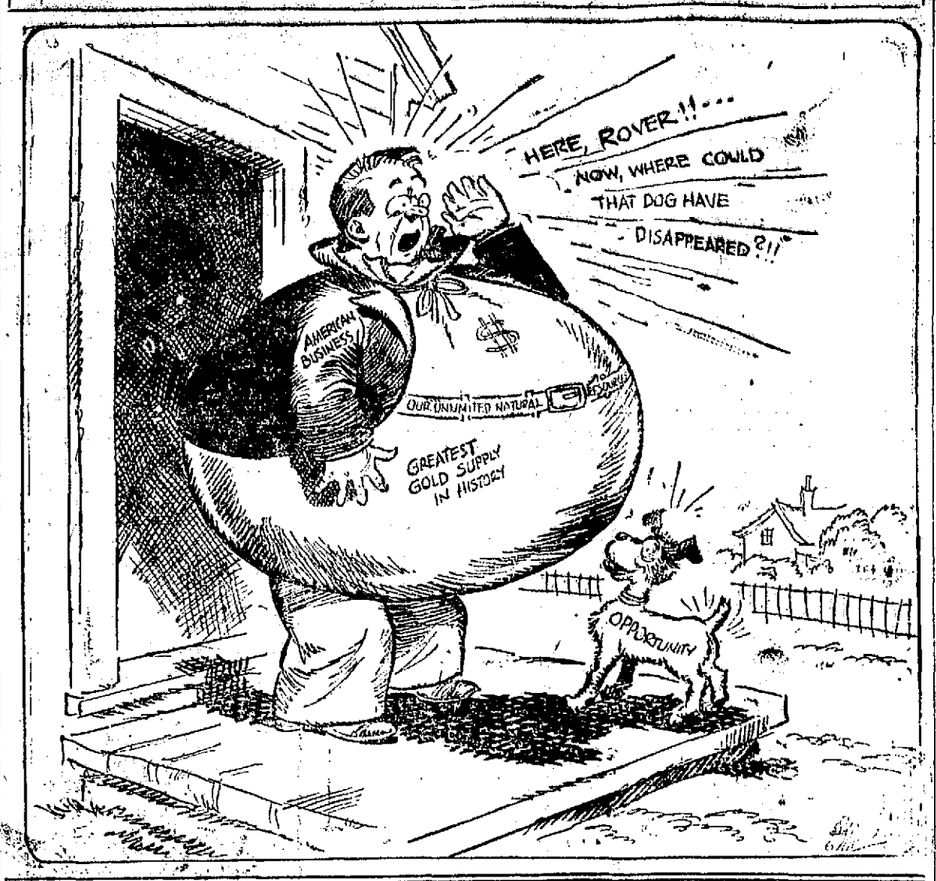
MANHATTAN'S new tower, the Empire State Building, was dedicated recently. It attracts attention because it soars far amove any other building on the island and is the tallest man-made structure in the world. It dwarfs such a structure as the Woolworth building, which a few years ago was a world wonder. The most remarkable thing about this building, however, is not alone in its size. The speed with which it was erected also is record breaking. Construction was started May 17 of last year and the completion required but little more than a year. Architects and engineering skill have gone far in planning such a building, but that construction methods have also kept pace is indicated by this remarkable speed in rearing this 1,250 foot structure. — *Jonesboro Evening Sun.*

Russians, we are informed by a government agency, prefer "realistic" films and don't like motion pictures with happy endings. The "happy ending," it seems, isn't a part of the Russian picture.

The supreme court of Illinois has decided that women are not eligible to be members of juries in that state. Maybe that's what's wrong with Illinois justice. Juries out there seem to be reluctant to convict.

Interpreting Senator Borah's remarks on increasing governmental expenditures as a slap at President Hoover, a defender of the President says that economy has been a watchword of the administration. But Mr. Hoover, like any other executive, finds it difficult to make it more than a watchword.

Goggone!



Daily WASHINGTON LETTER

BY RODNEY DUTCHER
NEA Service Writer

WASHINGTON—Government experts have been reassuring the country that the Nicaraguan earthquake should and would have no effect on the project for a Nicaraguan canal, but what may retard it is the fact that the old story about the Panama Canal becoming outgrown has been effectively knocked in the head.

Argument for a second canal from the Atlantic to the Pacific is now based almost entirely on the arguments that a Nicaraguan canal would provide faster transit for ships plying from Gulf ports or the east coast to the west coast and that it would have a distinct military value.

The contention that it would be much better in time of war to have two canals in case one were blocked up or destroyed is met with the assertion that our military and naval forces in the Caribbean would have to be divided to protect two and that if one canal could be blown up or something, so, presumably, could the other.

Would Save Time

Nevertheless, although the fact apparently was given no decisive weight when the Panama route was selected originally, it is estimated that vessels sailing from one American coast to the other would save an average of two days despite the fact that transit through the Nicaraguan canal would take 24 hours to the Panama Canal's eight. And that fact is likely to have more effect on Congress than the military argument.

Meanwhile, at the end of this fiscal year the Panama Canal probably will have been used by fewer ships than in any year since 1926-27. Some 5475 ships passed through in that year, 6156 in 1928, 6413 in 1929 and 6185 in 1930. The first eight months of the fiscal year 1931 howed 3809 ships passed through as compared with 4224 for the first eight months of fiscal 1930. If the present year goes on at the rate thus far its total will be about 5715 ships.

Fewer Ships Use Canal

That will mean that the number of ships using the canal has decreased for three successive years—although not with a proportional decrease in tonnage or tolls—but it is pointed out that the recent drop has been partly due to the general depression.

It has been estimated officially that with the growth of canal traffic—figuring in increases of business, population growth in South America, steamship line expansion and so on—the capacity of the Panama ditch would be reached about 1960. At the same time it has always been known that installation of a third set of locks at a cost of about $100,000,000 would double the present capacity and to all intents and purposes give the Panama Canal capacity big enough for all time.

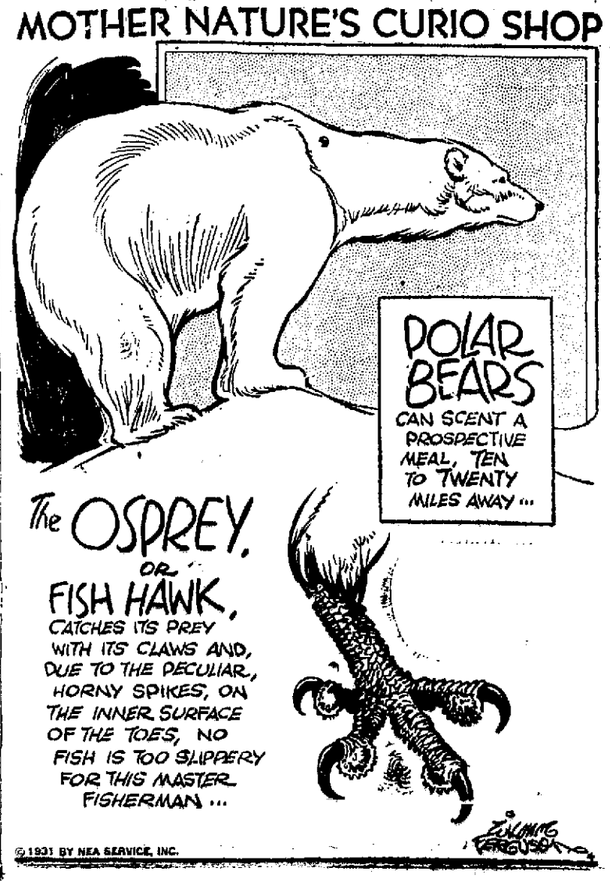
Sooner or later Congress will be found debating the question whether it is best to build the third set of locks or a new canal to cost between $500,000,000 and $800,000,000.

Would Take 10 Years

Work on the new locks would have to begin about 10 years before they were actually in operation and the Nicaraguan canal probably could be built in no shorter time. Construction of the third set of locks has been envisaged all along; there's a rock foundation for them in case they are built.

The Interoceanic Canal Board of army and civilian engineers, as directed by Congress, is completing a survey and report on the canal situation which will make new estimates on the various phases such as cost, commercial values and capacities and cover exhaustively the various problems presented. Besides reporting on the new locks and Nicaraguan canal projects the engineers will give the results of a study as to the feasibility of lowering the Panama Canal to sea level.

MOTHER NATURE'S CURIO SHOP



News Of
Other Days
From the Columns of The Star of Hope

25 YEARS AGO

Van Ware and Lon Sanders are telling big tales of their fishing trip to Vaughn Lake Saturday.

Pebe McRae, Ed Stewart and A. M. Key went to Vaughn's Lake fishing Thursday.

Jules A. Aubert, who recently came here from Fullerton, Cal., left for that place Thursday. While here Mr. Aubert purchased some valuable property, of which he will not take charge until fall.

10 YEARS AGO

The vanguard of students, athletes, officials and visitors of the Arkansas Inter-School oCntest Association, and the Arkansas Athletic Assocation, who will attend the fourteenth annual meet of these organizations in Hope Friday and Saturday, began arriving this morning.

Mrs. W. C. Crelson of Hot Springs, has returned home after a visit with Miss Lenna Leaper, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Parks.

Mrs. Judith Briggs Craig, who has spent the past several months here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Briggs, at their country home at Rocky Mound, left Monday for California.

BARBS

We suppose that that Canadian baby who was born in an airplane recently will be forever boasting of his descent.

The Paris hotel at which Alfonso resides charges him $600 a day. They look upon him, apparently, as just another tourist.

Many film producers seem to be of the opinion that the talkies have given them the privilege for outspoken drama.

DULL HEADACHE, BILIOUS FEELING

Dizzy and Nauseated In The Morning — Relieved After Taking Black-Draught.

"Two years ago, I began to suffer with a dull, sick headache," writes Mrs. John Dodd, of 719 Bream Street, Charleston, W. Va. "I was bilious and would get up in the morning feeling dizzy and nauseated.

"My color was pale and my complexion was bad. I felt that all my trouble was caused from constipation.

"I told a friend how bad I felt, and she told me to try Thedford's Black-Draught. I began taking it on her recommendation. I soon found it was helping me very much. I began to feel like I had more energy. It relieved constipation, and after that I had no more trouble. When I need a medicine for constipation, I take Black-Draught."

"I found that Black-Draught was good for biliousness and constipation," writes Mrs. E. F. Caughy, of 706 S. Elm Street, Sherman, Texas. "It is as good a home remedy as one can find. I prefer it because it is a vegetable medicine which helps to rid the system of poison and keep the body in good order." NA-324

Thedford's BLACK-DRAUGHT for Constipation Indigestion Biliousness



Newcomer who makes screen debut in "Beau Ideal" at Saenger Tuesday and Wednesday

Lester Vail is the talking screen's newest personality, although he has enjoyed a short but brilliant stage career.

He was graduated from Stanford University in 1922, after scoring many collegiate triumphs in drama, and immediately toured the Orient with a dramatic company.

Returning from China with his company three years later, he began his American stage career in earnest in San Francisco and New York, but almost immediately was "discovered by Herbert Brenon and urged to join motion pictures.

A company signed him on long term contract, but Brenon, about to film his great talkies success, "Beau Ideal," managed to negotiate for Vail's services as heroic lead!

The whole procedure was reminiscient of that which brought Ralph Forbes from the stage into the cast of Brenon's silent film masterpiece, "Beau Geste," and made him cinematically famous almost over night. Just that happened to Vail, in "Beau Ideal," a sequel to "Beau Geste."

"Beau Ideal" is the adventure romance of the Foreign Legion now current at the Saenger Theatre. The strong supporting cast includes Ralph Forbes, Loretta Young, Irene Rich, Don Alvarado, Leni Stengil, Paul McAllister and others.

Vail was born in Denver, Colorado, but his parents came to California when he was still a youngster. He entered Stanford, was outstanding in dramatics throughout his college career, and also prominent in athletics.

Vail is six feet in height, weighs 175 pounds, and has a very forceful personality, in no way belied by his strong jaw, dark heavy hair and dark, flashing eyes.

BATTLEFIELD

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Nation and son, Doyle, from Wink, Texas, are visiting relatives and friends at this place.

Mrs. J. A. Smith and Miss Irma visited relatives at Spring Hill Sunday.

Edd Turner and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Morgan at Evening Shade.

Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Atkins and children from Holly Grove spent a while with Ben Wilson and family, Sunday night. They were accompanied home by their daughter, Mora Lee, who had spent the week with Doorthy June Wilson of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Harvel and Mr. and Mrs. John Harvel spent Monday night with the former's son, Mr. and Mrs. Finis Hadvel of Hope.

Ralph and Floyd Smith attended the Epworth League meeting at Washington last Tuesday night.

B. W. Springs, Sr., and John Harvel were the Sunday guests of Finas Harvel and Lee Violintine at Hope.

Ben McBoy of Sheppard was the Sunday afternoon guest of Miss Marie Reid.

GREEN LASETEA

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Baker were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Miller Stuart Sunday.

Mrs. G. P. Putman of Oak Grove spent a few hours with Mrs. J. Cumbie Friday afternoon.

HENRY CHAPEL

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Sanders and children of Texarkana visited Mr. and Mrs. Andy Jordon a while Sunday.

Slara Ellis of Rocky Mound spent the week end with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Fincher.

Mrs. Jim Bearden Sr., and children spent Sunday with Mrs. Hugh Bearden and children of Hope while Messrs Beardens went to Little Rock on Business.

Mr. and Mrs. Arlis Ellis and children of Bluff Springs spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mrs. Ellis' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Jordon.

Misses Beardens and Ralph Hunt went to DeAnn Sunday.

Vesta Johnson of Hope is spending this week with home folks.

Rev. Fincher was the dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Cumbie Sunday.

The eight grade class enjoyed a picnic Tuesday.

Ray Cumbie, of Hope, spent Wednesday night with home folks.

Mrs. Earl Ross of Oak Grove, called on Mrs. J. T. Cumbie a while Tuesday.

Miss Edna Stuart spent last weekend with friends and relatives in Rocky Mound.

Miss Bernice Cumbie spent the week end with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Woodue of Hope.

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PHONE 768

CLEAN UP NOTICE!

Next Week Is Clean Up Week
The City will begin collecting tin cans on Monday, May 11th, starting in Ward One.

All cans must be in sacks or boxes, and placed conveniently for the clean up crew.

JOHN VESEY, Mayor.

LOW FARE

WEEK END EXCURSIONS TO
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Class A $9.25 — Class B $16.65
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Tickets on sale for all regular trains (except Nos. 2 and 22) leaving May 8 and 9. Returning leave St. Louis before midnight May 10 (except Nos. 1 or 21). Class A tickets good in chair cars and coaches only. Class B tickets good in sleeping cars on payment of regular charges.

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FOR RENT—Well furnished apartment. Two rooms and kitchentte, convenient to bath. Adults only. 312 N. Hervey St. Phone 406-W. 30-3tp

FOR RENT—Nice five room house, garden well started, Garage. $15.00. A. H. Eversmeyer, 402 South Pine. 1-3tp.

FOR RENT—Five room house with sleeping porch, modern conveniences. Good garden. Call 241J or apply to John Ridgsdill. 1-3tc.

ROOMS for Rent with Board. Mrs. S. R. Young, 320 South Pine. Telephone 374-W. 30-3tp

FOR RENT—Modern duplex, four rooms and bath, built in features, separate meters, garage. 416 W. Division. Apply Talbot Feild. Phone 456.

FOR RENT—Furnished house, six rooms, all conveniences. Apply Mrs. Marie McCorkle, Fourth and Pine streets. Telephone 290. 29-6tp

FOR RENT—Five room bungalow, modern improvements, garage, 900 South Main street. Apply E. G. Slaughaugh, Phone 1605-2 & 3. 29-3tp

LOST

LOST—Saturday night, small tan cloth purse, containing several $1 bills and small change. Reward. Return to Hope Star. 4-3

LOST—Wagon sheet. Between the Southern Grain Co., and Shover Springs road. Reward. Carl Begg Rt. 2, or Star Office 30-3

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HELP WANTED—Dependable lady wanted to handle Watkins products in Hope; customers established, excellent earnings. Write in own handwriting J. R. Watkins Co. 70-15 Kentucky St. Memphis, Tenn. 5-5, 12, 19,

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Are trinkets, gauds, and jewels rare?
And what is wealth or fame to one
Who is a brother to the sun;
Who drinks the wine that morning spills
Upon the heaven-kissing hills,
And sees a ray of hope afar
In every glimmer of a star?
What to a man whose God is Truth
Are spoils and stratagems, forsooth—
Who looks beyond the doors of death
For loftier life, sublimer breath;
Who can forswear the state of kings
In knowledge of diviner things.
The dreams immortal that unroll
Are burst to blossom in his soul?
—Selected.

Mrs. S. J. Bass of Terrell, Texas, arrived Sunday for a few days visit with her sister, Mrs. Vesey Crutchfield.

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Mr. and Mrs. nHiley White have as house guest, Mrs. J. L. Davis of Magnolia.

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The P. T. A. Council will meet Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the city hall. The chairmen of the standing committees are requested to bring written reports, and a full attendance is urged.

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Circle No. 3 of the Woman's Missionary Society of the First Methodist Church with Mrs. George Ware, leader held their regular monthly meeting on Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. N. Onstead, Edgewood Ave., with Mrs. Leon Bundy and Mrs. Bert Keith as associate hostesses. Mrs. Bessie D. Green gave a most beautiful devotional, using as her theme the Twenty-third Psalm. The devotional closed with a prayer by Mrs. Henry Hitt, Mrs. Stith Davenport assisted by Mrs. Edwin Ward, Mrs. Clyde Monts and Mrs. J. O. Milam and Mrs. Bush. Little Miss Frances Harrell delighted the meeting with a reading. During the social hour, the hostesses served an ice course to 15 members and one visitor.

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Mrs. O. W. Erringer and children of New York arrived Tuesday for a visit with Mrs. Erringer's mother, Mrs. Aline Johnson and other relatives.

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Circle No. 4 of the First Methodist Missionary Society met on Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. R. T. White on North Washington street with Mrs. P. A. Tharp as joint hostess. The devotional was given by Mrs. John Wellborn followed by prayer. Mrs. Steve Carrigan Jr., assisted by Mrs. C. C. Parker presented a most interesting program on Poland. Mrs. W. P. Agee, Sr., told some very interesting facts in the life of the new missionary to Poland, Miss Norine Robkin. Two violin selections were played by Oswald Warmack, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. John Wellborn. Eighteen members and one visitor were present.

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Circle No. 2 of the Woman's Missionary Society of the First Methodist church held their regular monthly meeting on Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. E. P. O'Neal with Mrs. Garrett Story as joint hostess. Mrs. H. O. Kyler held the devotional, "Daring to Accept the Challenge of God in Prayer," basing her remarks on the 9th chapter of Luke. Mrs. Vesey-Crutchfield closed the devotional with prayer. Mrs. H. H Stuart opened her program with a most interesting talk on Poland, followed by a duett, "The Lord is my Sheperd," by Mrs. R. M. LaGrone and Mrs. John P. Cox. Mrs. James gave a talk on "Holiday Time in Slav Land." Miss Martha Virginia Stuart gave two beautiful poems, entitled "Mother" and Motherhood." Following the usual business period, the hostess served strawberry ice cream and cake. Mrs. S. J. Bass of Terrell, Texas, and Miss Martha Virginia Stuart were appreciated guests.

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The Pat Cleburn chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederace will entertain at a luncheon, Thursday at 1 o'clock at the Hotel Barlow, Mrs. W. E. Massey of Hot Springs, national recording secretary of the general organization will be guest of honor. Ladies desiring reservations must call not later than Wednesday noon to either Mrs. John S. Gibson or Mrs. Fanny Garrett. Following the luncheon, there will be a program at the old state house in Washington, and it is requested that all who have cars please have them at the hotely.

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Mrs. W. J. O'Brien and little son of Shreveport, La., arrived Tuesday for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Mclatry and other relatives.

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Mrs. Mac Duffie and her guests, Mrs. J. A. Rankin of Russellville and Mrs. A. B. Cobb of Little Rock motored to Texarkana Monday.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ralph J. Berkson will arrive in New Orleans Friday by steamer from New York, and after spending the week-end there will go to San Antonio and other points in Texas where Mr. Berkson has business. They will arrive in Hope the latter part of this month for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Ed. McCorkle.

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Mrs. Margaret Simms McDonald of Little Rock, newly elected State President of the Business and Professional Women's Club arrived in the city today for a short visit to friends and relatives and to attend the first of a series of Community Banquets held at the Barlow Hotel at 8 o'clock Tuesday evening. Mrs. McDonald is a member of the local Business and Professional Women's club.

In Lead Role



When the University of Alabama puts on its Centennial pageant May 11, Janine Miller, above, will play the lead role. She is a resident of Miami, Fla.



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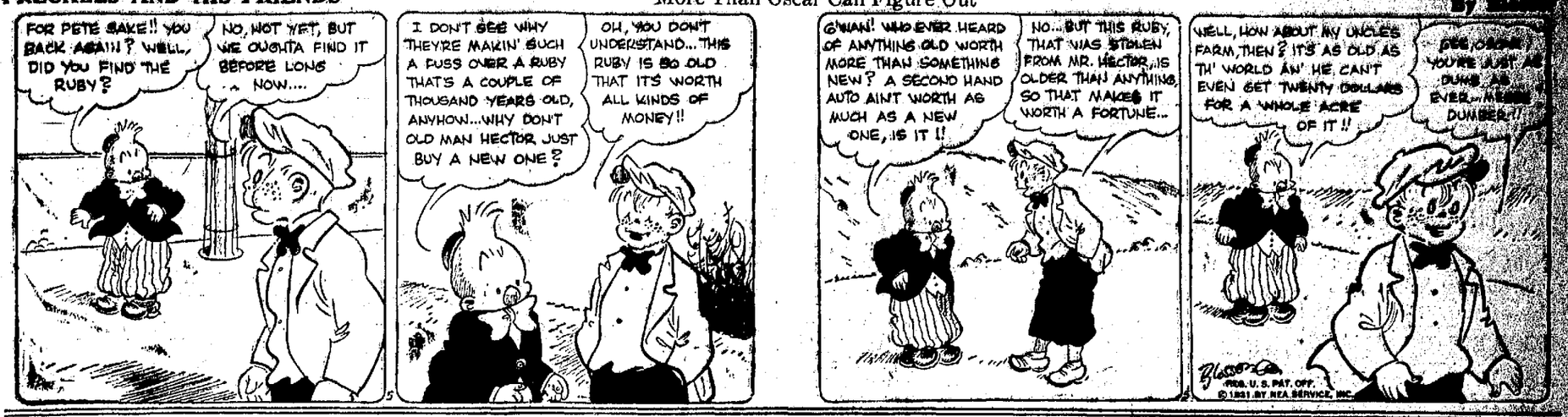
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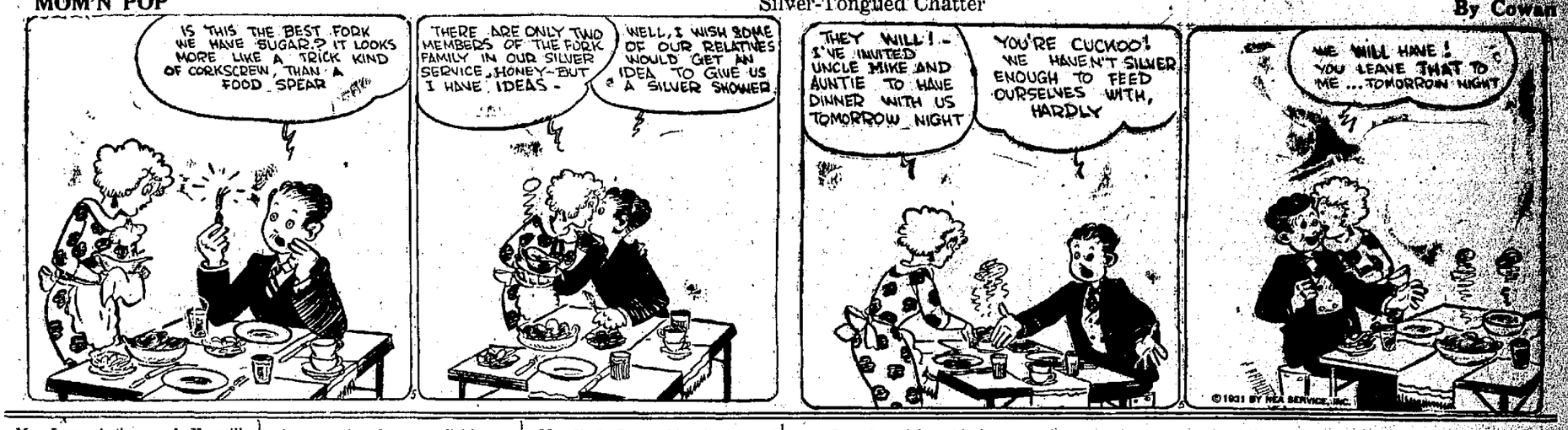
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FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS — More Than Oscar Can Figure Out



MOM'N POP — Silver-Tongued Chatter



Mrs. B. Johnson Is Winner in Bowling

Hope Women's Team to Play Magnolia Women There Monday

Mrs. Bradley Johnson won the prize for high score given last week by the Guerard Bowling Alley on South Elm street, rolling a total of 168. This is a weekly event the prize going to the woman player making the best score for the entire week.

On Wednesday a women's team will leave Hope to play a Magnolia woman's team. Hope will be represented by Mrs. Bradley Johnson, Mrs. Eddie Spragins and Miss Evelyn Johnson.

In the regular league play, the Ritchie Grocer company team will play the Southwestern Bell Telephone company team at 7:45 o'clock Tuesday night. Members of the Ritchie team are: Hannegan, Walker and Floyd. The telephone company team is: Dunkum, Erskin and Lewis.

Personal Mention

Little Miss Madeline Breed, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Breed of Emmet, underwent an operation for the removal of her tonsils Monday at Josephine hospital.

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Joe Stevens, of Stamps, son of J. W. Stevens, underwent an operation at Josephine hospital Monday.

Mr. Leon Anthony of Kerrville, Texas, is the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Thomas. Before returning to his home Mr. Anthony plans to visit other points in Arkansas.

An operation for appendicitis was performed Monday at Josephine hospital upon Miss Eleanor McWilliams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Early McWilliams, of Shover Springs.

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Friends of Mrs. J. T. Cumbie of Hope route 2 will regret to know that she underwent a major operation at the Julia Chester hospital Tuesday morning.

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Warren Nesbitt, prosperous farmer of the Blevins community was among the business visitors in Hope Tuesday.

HOLLY GROVE

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Hembree are glad to know that their daughter, Pauline, is improving, after an illness of about two months.

Miss Lillian Willis is visiting with Mrs. C. A. Atkins of Hope.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Atkins and children were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wilson of Battlefield Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Worthy of near Washington spent the week end with homefolks at this place.

Miss Kathleen Roberts of near Emmett visited here Sunday.

B. F. Murphy and son of near Washington were visiting relatives here Sunday.

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Mr. and Mrs. George Smith, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hartsfield of DeAnn Sunday.

Mrs. D. M. City has returned from a visit to Prescott.

Mrs. Weir Owens of Bingen has returned home after a visit to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Robins.

J. P. Robins of Haynesville, La., was the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Robins, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Smith were visitors to Hope Sunday.

Mrs. Irene Jarmon and Mrs. Edd Boyd of Los Angeles, Calif., are the guests of their mother, Mrs. W. E. Fletcher and other relatives.

Mrs. H. O. Stuart, Mrs. Ben Stuart and Mrs. Eugene Goodlett were shopping in Hope Thursday.

Mrs. W. E. Robins and Miss Maggie Fletcher were shopping in Hope Thursday.

Mrs. R. B. Robins and Mrs. Weir Owens were visitors to Hope Monday.

Dr. and Mrs. R. B. Robins and baby have returned to their home in Camden after a visit with their mother, Mrs. R. B. Robins Sr.

JOTS AROUND SHOVER

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Jones of Oak Grove were Sunday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jones.

Ode Taylor and family and Mr. and Mrs. Broowfiel dof Center Point were Sunday guests at Hugh Laseters.

Mrs. H. B. Sanford was in town Tuesday and spent the day at Willis A. Cobbs.

P. P. Otwell and family visited Sunday at Mr. Taylor's near Shover Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Leonard and three children of Kansas City were visiting her brother, Roy Rogers and family, here last week. En route to visit relatives near Dodcaw and at El Dorado. Mrs. Leonard will be remembered as Isabelle Rogers fromerly of this vicinity.

Mrs. Roy Rogers and children and sister, Delma Cox recently visited their sister, Mrs. Orville Allen near Bodcaw.

Luther Ellis of Hope, called at H. B. Sangord's Monday.

Mrs. W. S. Sexton had as guest last week her mother Mrs. Atkerson of Little Rock.

Mr. Taylor of Shover had for last week's company, Mrs. Taylor's mother, Mrs. Biddle of Nevada county and her sister and family Mr. and Mrs. Morton.

OAKLAND

V. C. Hamilton spent Thursday night with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hamilton at Emmet.

Pearl Aulds of Sutton spent the week end with his cousins, Fred and Ray Glanton.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Anderson and family of Guernsey attended preaching at this place Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Jasper Garrett and children spent Saturday night with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hartfields of DeAnn and attended the all day singing Sunday. They reported fine singing.

Freeman Crider of Piney Grove spent the week end with Joe Erwin.

If there's anything in a name, John Drinkwater, the writer, should make a fine propagandist for the prohibitionists.

WARNING ORDER

In the Hempstead Chancery Court
R. M. Briant Plaintiff,
vs.
Mrs. Fannie Holt et al Defendants
The defendant John M. Holt is hereby warned to appear in this court within thirty days and answer the complaint of the plaintiff herein.

Witness my hand and seal as clerk of said court on this 3d day of April, 1931.

WILLIE HARRIS
(SEAL) Clerk.
April 4, 11, 18, 25.

WARNING ORDER

The defendant, F. L. Wallace is warned to appear in this court within thirty days, and answer complaint of plaintiff, T. L. Rhodes, this 27th day of April, 1931.

S. F. HUNTLEY,
28-5-12-19. Justice of the Peace.

He Jumps Just for Fun of It



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The Pacific coast's star parachute jumper isn't a member of the Caterpillar Club, that mythical organization of aviators who have "bailed out" to save their lives, because Dick Terry, of Los Angeles, has made more than 100 parachute leaps during the past year just for the fun of it. Here you see Terry in a closup, leaving a plane piloted by Frank Bireley, and coming down for a happy landing.

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Not Much Lost Motion

On Tuesday night, April 21, Henry D. ("Dan") Phillips, of Ashdown, died.

On account of business interests, and two minor children, the appointment of both an administrator and a guardian was made necessary. These appointments, and proof of his death, were completed and mailed to Omaha on Saturday, April 25th.

It was probably noon on Monday, April 27th before the proof of death, and the appointments reached our claim department.

At 4:00 p. m. on Tuesday, April 28th, our local agent, H. A. Sims, delivered our check for $5500.00 to the administrator of this estate.

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M'Caskill--BLEVINS NEWS--Tokio

Blevins Correspondent: REV. W. J. WHITESIDE
McCaskill Correspondent: MRS. CLARICE STOKES

Diplomas Given Ten Blevins High School Students

Eight Graduate From the Grammar Schiil This Term

HOPE EDITOR SPEAKS

Alex. H. Washburn Delivers Address and Presents Certificates

A large and appreciative audience attended the commencement exercises in the local High School auditorium last Friday evening. This occasion brought to a close as successful a school year as Blevins has ever known, and was in itself prophetic of greater things to come.

Superintendent Glen Coker presided and the following program was given:

Class processional; Invocation by Rev. W. J. Whiteside; salutatory address by Ethelene Stephens; class history by Lyal Bruce; piano solo by Thalia Nolen; class prophecy by Beulah Thomas; valedictory address by Hautie Wardlow; class address by Alex. H. Washburn, editor of Hope Star.

The speeches by the two honor students were characterized by modesty and sincerity. No efforts at spellbinding oratory were attempted, but two intelligent and ambitious girls frankly expressed the appreciation and hope of the class. The history and prophecy were spiced with clever humor, and their originality gave life to what is often a mere formality in a graduating occasion.

The chief address of the evening was delivered by Alex. H. Washburn, editor of the Hope Star. As a commencement address it was unique and it was that feature that largely determined the selection of the speaker. Mr. Washburn took as his theme, "The House of America," and pointed out the similitude of family and national life. "Ours is the biggest house in the world," he declared, and further said, "Our grandfathers built the house, our fathers finished it, and it is our task to live in it." He also said it called for greater courage to live rightly in a finished house than it did to build the structure.

Passing from general observations to some present alarming tendencies he declared our greatest need to be a collective conscience. For the development of this conscience he urged the exercise of the constitutional right of free speech. "Take sides on any issue and stick by it," he urged, saying "a wrong opinion expressed is better than a right opinion concealed.

After the address Mr. Washburn presented diplomas to the following students:

Grammar School, Aline Yocum, Annie Jean Brown, Mary Catherine Loe, Lucile Loe, Winnie Mae Loe, Reeder Johnston, Virginia Woodson, and Cecil Tate.

High Schol: Lyal Bruce, Hautie Wardlow, Era Gorham, Brooksie Nell Gorham, Kathleen Stephens, Etheline Stephens, Clyde Lee Tate, Hermie Byrum, Beulah Thomas and Lula Merle Spears. Lyal Bruce, in behalf of the class then presented Mr. Washburn with a desk set in appreciation of his address.

At the close Mr. Coker very briefly expressed his appreciation of the year and read the names of students making perfect attendance record for the year. These were: Hilda Whiteside, Eloise Brooks, Ima Pearl Brooks, Malay Rodden, Leola Zumalt, Beatrice Smith and Reba Leverette of the first grade, Harris Cummins, Wayne Boreland, Harold Stephens, Ralph Harris and Ione Davis of the second grade; Louise Moore and John Nuell Nolen of the third grade; Hayden Harris, T. S. Bailey, Inez Irwin, James Thomas, and Chloia Smith of the fourth grade; Leon Pye of the fifth grade; Loreen House and Olin Yarberry of the sixth grade; Coy Nolen of the seventh grade; Thalia Nolen of the tenth and Mary Catherine Brown of the eleventh grade.

County Citizen Saws 1000 Feet Of Good Lumber From Fence Post

"Believe It or Not," Witnesses Tsetify to Truth of Story. Beside Lumber Obtained a Large Quantity of Wood Was Secured From This Tree. Man Who Sawed the Lumber Tells the Following Story

Mr. W. J. Hartsfield, well known Hempstead county farmer, living on Washington, Route 1 ,tells the following story and gives the name of Mr. Will Arnold, a neighboring land owner as a witness to its varacity.

Mr. Hartsfield, 'Uncle Jack," as he is known to many friends in both Hope and Hempstead county, was born and reared within the bounds of the township where he now resides something over 70 years ago. His word is considered as good as his bond, consequently the following story, though strange as it might seem, does not happen very often, and is not doubted.

According ot Mr. Hartsfield, some 53 or 54 years ago, the owner of a farm, now owned by Mr. Hartsfield, fenced in a field, using for posts some green cotton wood timber. One of the posts, placed near a stream sprouted and within a few years grew into a large tree.

Recently, when construction work on the Hope-Blevins highway began this tree, which had grown to a huge plant, measuring 5½ by 4 feet across the stump was cut down.

A highwayman who blasted out the stump found the old post located near the center of the stump when this work was done.

From limbs growing out from the main trunk of the tree, which was not many feet long, Mr. Hartsfield has sawed more than 1000 feet of lumber and several loads of wood have been hauled from the tops.

This tree grew something near 7 miles north of Hope in Caruse Creek bottom.

County Poultrymen Will Meet at Ozan

Monthly Session of County Association to Be at the Home of Secretary

At the regular meeting of the Hempstead County Poultry Association, held in Hope on Monday night, April 13, the members voted to hold the next meeting at Ozan. This meeting will be held the second Monday night in May, which will be next Monday night the 11th.

Several speakers are scheduled to appear on the program to be rendered that night, among whom are R. E. Samuelson, poultry specialist for the Missouri Pacific Railway Company; Mrs. Leslie, manager of the Roe Hatchery of Prescott and others.

It is the desire of the Association that as many of the members as possible attend this meeting and all visitors and those interested in poultry are especially invited.

Cut Worms Menace Tomato Growers

Many Patches Almost Destroyed By Worms Working at Night

Tomato growers living over a territory covering many acres and several miles between McCaskill and Arkadia on the Prescott and Northwestern railway have reported that their tomato plants have been damaged greatly by cut woms during the past few days.

Many million plants have been set in this section. Since the infestation of these worms many of the growers have been forced to almost plant their entire patches over. Poison has been rushed to the community to dust the plants, with the hope of saving those that have not been cut down and the replants.

The presence of these worms in such large quantities is attributed to the cloudy weather recently and too much rain.

BLEVINS PERSONALS

Jim McCaskill was a Blevins visitor Saturday.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Merle "Jack" Bonds, a daughter, on Wednesday, April 29.

Imon Bruce, student in Henderson State Teachers College, spent the week-end with home folks.

Marcie Stephens, 4-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Stephens, Jr. had her tonsils removed last week. She is doing nicely.

Carl Brown and Cyrus Honea went on a fishing trip near Arkadelphia last week.

Joyce Stephens, student in Henderson State Teachers College, was home over the week end.

Mrs. May McDougal has been quite ill for the past several days.

Rev. W. J. Whiteside attended the monthly brotherhood meeting of the preachers of the Prescott District Monday.

Presiding Elder J. M. Hamilton preached at the Blevins Methodist church Sunday at 11 o'clock and held the third quarterly conference in the afternoon.

Mark the Highway Intersections Here

Crew From Highway Department Visit Blevins Monday Afternoon

A force of workmen for the State Highway Dtpartment was in Blevins Monday placing traffic markets on the streets at the intersection of the new Blevins-Hope highway and number 24 from Prescott to Nashville.

The new highway is to be known as highway number 29. This project is a continuation of the Hope Lewisville highway leading into Shreveport, La., and will be a direct route from Blevins to Shreveport when completed.

It is not known just when the gravel work will be commenced on this project, but it is expected to bt completed by the latter part of the summer at least. The grade has been completed into Bleyins and in dry weather one can make excellent time over this grade to Hope.

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Sweet Home to Be Host To Visitors

Annual Decoration and Mother's Day Program Is Prepared

Next Sunday the annual Mother's day program and decoration service will be held at Sweet Home church, three miles east of Blevins on the Blevins-Prescott highway.

This day has been known to the citizens of Sweet Home and surrounding community as a day set apart for the decoration of the graves in the cemetery at this place for the past 30 or 40 years, according to the old settlers there and each year a large crowd attends. In fact the crowd grows larger each year and the interest in the day has also seemed to have increased.

Many who have moved away and have relatives or friends in the community come back home on a visit on this occasion.

A meeting was called on Sunday afternoon by Mr. T. J. Stewart on the afternoon of April 26 for the purpose of beginning preparation early for the day. Mr. Stewart is chairman of the arrangement committee.

A cordial invitation is extended to the general public to attend next Sunday and enjoy the hospitality of the Sweet Home community.

Belton B.Y.P.U. to Render Program

The Following Program Is Announced For Sunday Night, May 10

The following B. Y. P. U. program will be given here Sunday night, May 10th, at 7:30 o'clock. Come and bring some one with you.

Subject—Decision and Destiny.
Bible Drill—Pearl Dotson.
Scripture Reading—Venie eStone.
A short man in a Sycamore tree—Leta Daniel.
Christ's Invitation—Mrs. Glen Eley.
Zacchaens' Acceptance—Homer Harris.
Majors and Minors—J. L. Eley.
Choice and Character—Miss Claude Roberts.
Saved to Serve—Irene Pickett.
Christ and Our Choice—Obera Thompson.

Sardis Community To Observe Sunday

Mothers Day Program and Decoration of Graves to Be Held

As has been the custom for several years ,there will be an all day program held at Sardis church, half way between Ozan and Nashville on next Sunday, May 10.

This program will consist of the regular Sunday school program, decoration of graves, a Mothers' day program and singing in the afternoon.

There will be lunch served at noon.

The general public is cordially invited to attend. It is a day that has been a nannual affair for several years and each year a number of former residents return to renew old acquaintances and to make new friends.

WESTBROOK NEWS

A heavy rain fell here yesterday and last night.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gorham, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Young and Mrs. Grover Evans were at Hope shopping Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gorham and Mr. and Mrs. Luther Young made a business trip to Nashville Tuesday.

Mr. Dave Reese is visiting at Bingen this week.

Mrs. Wash Honeycutt was called to the bedside of her daughter, Mrs. Horace Montgomery, who has a 11½ pound boy.

Lee Webb, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elree Webb, is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Sallie Webb, at Zion this week.

Mr. Sharman Brown was the guest of Miss Irene Coleman Sunday afternoon.

McCASKILL ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. Carrol Hamilton of Nashville, visited Mrs. Floyd Wortham Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus McCaskill and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hirst of Prescott, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Eley Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. John Gaines and Mrs. Bert and Marshall Scott, were Prescott visitors last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvis Stokes of Delight, were visitors here las tweek.

Mrs. Ched McCaskill and little daughter visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Stephens of Blevins last week.

BELTON NEWS

Bro. Bolton of Nashville, preached two splendid sermons here Sunday. His subject at the morning service was "The church organized," and the evening subject was "Christ's Second Coming."

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Peters were visitors in Washington, Ozan and Nashville Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elton Daniel visited Mrs. Wardlow of Blevins Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Harris and son, Billie, and Mr. and Mrs. Rae and family attended the singing and visited Mrs. Homer Harris Sunday.

Quite a bit of fishing is being done around here. Good luck has been reported by many.

"They that turn many to Righteousness" is the subject of the W. M. U. program to be given here Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Buck Scott and Miss Ethel Scott of Doyle, visited relatives here Sunday.

The following numbers will be given here Sunday, May 10th, on a Mother's Day program:

Opening address.
Our Dear Mother-Charlene Roberts.
Mother's Hand—Louise Eley.
Every Good Gift—Margaret Stone.
My Mother—Lola Roberts.
What Mothers Mean to Us—Six boys and girls.
Our Little Mother (a story)—Thelma Dotson.

Plans Complete For Blevins High School Building

Will Cost Approximately Fifteen Thousand Dollars

OTHER PLANS SOON

Total Expenditure Will Exceed Thirty Thousand It Is Expected

D. F. Weaver, who was recently employed by the local school board as architect for the proposed building program here, has completed the plans for the new high school structure to be erected just south of the present building. According to his specifications the building will be 154 feet long and 73 feet deep. It will contain five recitation rooms, one of which will be equipped for laboratory work, an auditorium with a seating capacity of 500, a study hall with 91 seats, an office and a spacious reading and stock room. There will also be ample corridors and passageways assuring convenience in every detail. It will be a one-story structure with three main entrances.

Mr. Weaver, who for the past three years has been connected with the State Department of Education as assistant director of the Building Department, is intimately acquainted with school needs and costs, and estimates the proposed building will can do in the way of advancing cost $15,000. He is also in a position to know what the State Department bids, and in a short time thereafter bids should be taken. Sometime during the month of June work should begin and there seems no reason why all buildings should not be ready for occupancy by September.

Georgia's First Woman Senator



The distinction of being the first woman to occupy a seat in the Georgia state senate went to Mrs. Charles E. Cannon, above, when she was elected without opposition to the seat held by her husband until his death recently.

Splendid Program Held at Macedonia

Many Gather For All Day Affair at the Church Near Blevins

A large crowd attended an all day program held at Macedonia church, three miles northeast of Blevins Sunday. The day was devoted to decorating the graves in the cemetery with an impressive ceremony conducted by residents of the community.

Lunch was served at the noon hour and the afternoon was devoted to community singing.

All who attended reported an enjoyable time.

money, and assures us the revolving loan is ready when it is properly voted by the district.

The new building will house all school work in Blevins above the sixth grade. Both Senior and Junior High units will be maintained here. The old building will be remodeled into a modern grammar school plant to care for the first six grades.

Other Plans Soon

Mr. Weaver says plans for annex at McCaskill and rrarearngement of old building at Blevins will be ready in the very near future. He estimates the total building cost, exclusive of equipment, at $25,000. The equipment of all the buildings he says will cost eight or ten thousand dollars. When the job is completed he declares both schools will be physically equipped for the highest type of school work.

The MELODY GIRL

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BEGIN HERE TODAY

BERYL BORDEN, secretly in love with TOMMY WILSON, discovers that he is planning to elope with her half-sister, IRENE EVERETT.

Beryl and her "gang" kidnap Tommy and take him into the country where she urges him to continue in college and not break the heart of his aunt, MRS. HOFFMAN, who is financing him. Failing to convince him, Beryl lets Tommy return to her sister. Irene, enraged at the long wait, refuses to listen to his explanation and postpones the elopement.

Next day Tommy goes fishing with his uncle and finds Beryl and her gang on the beach. One of the boys, ANGIE, slips away from the crowd and is carried out by the tide. Tommy and Beryl rescue him and she is arrested while speeding for a doctor. However, when the officer understands he helps get the doctor and soon Angie is out of danger. Tommy scolds Beryl and she resents it.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY

CHAPTER VI



"Will you wait for me?" he asked Irene, "I've got something to talk to you about."

BERYL was about to drive away when she called back over her shoulder to Tommy: "You'd better come along as far as the garage and bring your uncle's car back."

Tommy glanced out at the boat where he knew his uncle must be fuming and in some difficulty. "Maybe I had," he agreed. "You could send it out but he'd be sore if a stranger drove it and I guess he's had about enough fishing for today anyway."

"I'm sorry your day is spoiled," Beryl apologized as he climbed in with the boys in the back seat. She was glad the mechanic who had brought her car was in the front seat with her—she could at least pretend that Tommy would have sat there if there'd been room for him. "I'm just that big a fool," she thought, "although I know he wouldn't."

The mechanic got out with Tommy when they reached the garage at the cross-roads, it being the place where he was employed. Beryl was infinitely relieved to learn of this fact. It made settling her bill for the new tire much easier. The garage owner knew Mr. Hoffman well and accepted without question Beryl's promise to send him the money.

"See that you go straight home and don't get into any more trouble on the way," Tommy said to her in parting.

"You needn't blame me for everything that happens," Beryl snapped back at him.

"No?" he replied, and his inflection said he did. He was thinking that if she'd minded her own business this would be his wedding day. But say, it was Sunday. Guess they couldn't have got a license on Sunday. Funny nobody'd thought about that. Oh well, they could have spent the day with Irene's friends and planned the ceremony in peace. It didn't take so much planning, though. All you had to do was go somewhere and get a license—yet Aunt Em and Beryl tried to make a big thing out of it. Of course—but it was a gamble anyway, so most people said. That was a funny thing, too. They'd admit that, and then they'd tell you to wait until you were sure you knew what you were doing.

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TOMMY wished he could make Irene feel as sure as he felt. But he supposed it was natural for a girl to be more reluctant to take the final step. Poor Irene, she probably was thinking he didn't love her. . . .

"Say, watch your step," the mechanic yelled at him as he was about to back his uncle's car into a big sedan, and Tommy was compelled to take his mind off Irene until he got on the open road.

The thought that she might be disappointed at his non-appearance during the day stuck with him, even to the point of making him impervious to his uncle's verbal assaults when at last he joined him on the fishing boat.

Tommy stood, dripping from his swim out, and listened with a vacant, dreamy expression that exasperated his uncle almost beyond words—almost, but not quite. It could have been quite for all the attention Tommy vouchsafed him.

It ended with Mr. Hoffman giving up thought of further fishing on that day and they went home. Tommy hurried into his best suit and over to Irene's house. But he did not find her at home. Mrs. Everett told him she was at the Reeds'.

"She's got some wonderful news," she added importantly. "Miss Spangle telephoned this morning—but there, I'm sure she'd want to tell you about it herself. Anyway she had to rush right over to practice with Mrs. Reed. She's Irene's accompanist, you know," she explained, quite unnecessarily, for Tommy knew it as well as she. But she liked the word; it made Irene seem so much more a singer to have an accompanist.

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A STRANGE feeling of uneasiness welled up in Tommy. If Irene was at the Reeds' house she would hear about his part in the rescue of Angie before he himself could tell her of it. She wouldn't like the way Beryl was mixed up in it. And he couldn't blame her, either, because he seemed forever to be getting mixed up in things with Beryl.

"Guess I'll go over there," he said to Mrs. Everett and hurried away before she could tell him he mustn't interfere with the vocalizing.

There was quite a lot of commotion at the Reed house. Angie was an only child and the thought that she had nearly lost him drove his mother close to hysteria.

Beryl had tried to quiet her but Irene made that impossible, being provoked to an outburst of temper by the interruption of her voice work.

"If you could only realize that even in this day and age a girl has no right to act like a wild Indian, you would spare your friends and your family a lot of trouble and humiliation," she declared hotly.

Beryl did not answer. She was telling Mrs. Reed what they must do for Angie.

"Look at you!" Irene went on. "Driving all over Long Island in a bathing suit. It's a wonder you didn't get arrested."

"Aw say," Angie put in, "who'd arrest Miss Beryl? Besides we didn't see any cops on the way home."

"It's a good thing you didn't," Irene insisted, "or we'd be thoroughly disgraced by now."

"We must get Angie to bed," Beryl said to Mrs. Reed.

Angie developed a sudden truculence. "I don't want a lot of women fussin' over me," he protested. "I want my Daddy."

"Oh, where is Charlie?" Mrs. Reed wailed, her thought, like her son's, leaping to the man of the family. "Someone must find him!"

And then the telephone rang. The families of the other boys in the party were beginning to call in to ask about Angie. Even Beryl was scarcely equal to this situation. And when Tommy walked into it she turned to him in obvious relief.

"I'm glad you've come," she said with unaffected sincerity. "We can't do a thing with Angie!"

Tommy looked beyond her at Irene who sat at the piano, picking out song melodies.

IRENE glanced at him over her shoulder. "Oh, now that you've come," she said, with a sneering accent on the pronoun, "everything will be lovely. You and Beryl . . ." Her voice trailed away in a meaning that was not lost on Tommy.

"I came over for you," he said defensively.

"But you will remain to help Beryl get herself out of this latest mess," she tossed back with a false smile.

Beryl saw herself being left high and dry in time of need. "Please, Tommy," she said boldly, "just go up and tell Angie you'll find his father for him. Mrs. Reed is only exciting him more every minute. He'll listen to you—you're a hero to him since you saved his life."

Tommy felt his responsibility. "Will you wait for me?" he asked Irene. "I've got something to talk to you about."

"Yes?" Irene mocked, then surprised him by adding: "Don't be too long. I've something to tell you too."

Tommy started up the stairs, which were in the living room, and Beryl was about to follow when she caught an expression on Irene's face that halted her. It accused her as plain as words of running after Tommy. She thought for a second or two of turning back, then she went on, hurrying, and caught up with Tommy as he reached the door of Angie's room.

"I'll get his mother out," she said softly, "and you will find his father, won't you?"

Tommy walked over to the bed without answering. "I'll look after Angie," he said to Mrs. Reed. "You'd better go with Beryl and lie down."

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THE way her son greeted Tommy reassured his mother. She got up from the side of the bed, but seemed reluctant to go. "You'll find his legs and back good?" she asked doubtfully.

Tommy nodded, and Beryl led her to her own room. There she realized that some of the charges Irene had brought against her from Mrs. Reed's hearing had taken permanent lodging in the latter's mind. "I'm afraid Charlie will blame me for letting Angie go to the beach without one of us along," she said.

Beryl felt the wound of the unspoken accusation—that she had failed in her charge. That is what Irene had said, in other words. It was not the first time Irene had intimated to the parents of her gang that she was a risk, but there'd never been anything to beat her out before this. Suppose they agreed with Irene—and broke up her gang! Beryl turned hurriedly away from the thought. Why those kids were the biggest thing in her life . . . except . . . there was a queer, warm feeling at her heart as her mind pictured Tommy in the nearby room ministering to Angie. Tommy would make a nice father. . . .

Mrs. Reed looked at her, startled, as she laughed aloud, a laugh abruptly stilled, as though it had surprised Beryl herself.

"I don't see—" Mrs. Reed was about to say that she didn't see anything amusing in a husband's displeasure when a call from below came up to them. It was Irene.

"Tommy, I'm leaving," she shouted. Then, "I have to go, Mrs. Reed. Maybe Mother can come over and help you."

Beryl's eyes flashed angrily, but Mrs. Reed found an excuse for Irene's selfishness. "She must be anxious to tell Tommy her good news," she said meekly.

(To Be Continued)

OUT OUR WAY —By Williams

